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Dear Mrs Wright

Thank you for your letter of 19th April. I apologise for the delay in our response which has been due, for the most part, to colleagues taking annual leave.

The Royal British Legion believes it complied with its legal obligations with regards to the sale of the former Tarporey Royal British Legion site. We also believe that we consulted locally to a greater extent than is required.

I understand, and sincerely regret, that the Parish Council and others in the Tarporey area are disappointed that the land was sold last year. However, as retaining the land no longer fulfilled the Trust objectives, the Legion had a legal obligation to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries and this required the Legion to sell the property and then utilise the proceeds. Whilst the Legion is mindful of the wider community, we are required to act in the interests of beneficiaries rather than local residents or Legion members. It is appreciated that this will not always be compatible with local wishes but our responsibility has to be to the beneficiaries.

As the property is now sold, and in the absence of anything else substantive requiring any further response, I consider the matter to be closed.

Yours sincerely

Chris Simpkins
Director General

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